Commercial area of unutilised railway land

†2310. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to generate additional income by making commercial area on railway land;

(b) if so, the unused land available at present with railways;

(c) the area of such land which can be developed as commercial area and income can be earned therefrom; and

(d) the names of such cities where such land is available, alongwith the area thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) In view of the declining budgetary support from the General Exchequer in the last decade or so, Railways have decided to utilise air-space over its identified vacant land/stations requiring re-building.

(b) About 0.25 lakh Hectare.

(c) and (d) Railways have identified a few stations and vacant plots in Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad in the First Phase, with the intention to extend commercial development of railway land/air-space to all other parts of the country in phases and after gaining experience. The commercial potential of each site varies widely from place to place and from location to location. As the endeavour is going to continue for a long time, it is difficult to assess the total income out of this venture.

Appointments in CSIR

2311. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CSIR has not conducted any departmental interviews to the post of Sr. F&AO (SG) Dy. Financial Advisor from among Sr. FAOs since a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not conducting the same; and

(c) whether the Ministry would indicate the appropriate month and year for conducting the above interview?

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†Original notice of the Question was received in HiIndi.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) No Sir, there were no vacancies till May, 2000, due to increase in the age of superannuation from 58 to 60 years, against which the eligible candidates could be considered for promotion to the post of senior Finance and Accounts Officer (Selection Grade)/Deputy Financial Advisor. Further, as a consequence of the decision taken by the CSIR Society to demerge the cadres of Finance, Administration and Store & Purchase at the level of Deputy Secretary and above, the exercise for refixing the cadre strength of the respective cadres is already underway. DPCs for various posts at the level of Deputy Secretary including the posts in the grade of Senior Finance & Accounts Officer (Selection Grade)/ Deputy Financial Advisor can follow the conclusion of the exercise relating to demerger of cadres.

Compassionate appointments in CRRI

2312. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI R. S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for compassionate appointments in CRRI:

(b) the details of compassionate appointments made by CRRI and applications turned down/kept on hold since 1998, alongwith the financial position of deceased employees;

(c) whether Government are aware that wards of drivers of CRRI who died in 1998 are not being given compassionate appointments, whereas awards of other personnel who died later, have been provided with appointments;

(d) the reasons behind this biased treatment; and

(e) by when Government would provide compassionate appointments to all the applicants?